

Canadian Council of Imams (CCI) and Muslim Medical Association of Canada (MMAC)

JOINT STATEMENT

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Bismillah Al-Rahman Al-Raheem

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Representatives from the Canadian Council of Imams (CCI), the Muslim Medical Association of Canada (MMAC) and other key community leaders held an emergency meeting today to discuss the unprecedented COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and the implications for the health of all Canadians, and in particular the Muslim community.

The two organizations have agreed to the following:

1. **We strongly recommend ALL Masjids to suspend the weekly Friday Jummah prayer effective immediately**, including Friday March 13th 2020 onwards until further notice.
2. **A 1 page, double-sided information fact sheet** regarding COVID-19 has been prepared and will be shared by both organizations, their members and community partners electronically and/or in print to reach as many members of the Canadian Muslim community as possible.
3. **Formation of a task force** comprising of Imams from the Canadian Council of Imams (CCI), healthcare professionals from the Muslim Medical Association of Canada (MMAC) and other key stakeholders to help provide guidance going forward.

We ask you to implement these recommendations as soon as possible and look forward to providing updates in the near future. As Muslims, we must do our part to reduce the spread of this virus. Insha'Allah we will all get through this together if we stand united as one Ummah.



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